

February 2015



Birthdays

Clay Walls 2/6

Duane O'Donnell 2/9

Andy Smithson 2/11

William Sauls 2/12

Roy Fugate 2/14

Clay Estes 2/16

Vular Anderson 2/17

Terry Smith 2/17

Jack Black 2/18

Guy Matthews 2/18

Brian Burgess 2/22

Leon Isaac 2/23

Alvarez Constant 2/26

Nora Smith 2/26

Randy Jones 2/28

City Holidays

MFRD Administrative Offices will be closed on

Monday, February 16, 2015
President's Day

If you need immediate assistance, please visit MFRD Headquarters at 202 E. Vine Street or contact 615-849-2661.

FOUR MFRD PERSONNEL RECEIVE JERRY ANDERSON HERO AWARD

Four Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Personnel received the "Jerry Anderson Hero Award" at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet, hosted by the Murfreesboro Chapter of the NAACP, at Middle Tennessee State University on January 17.

Drivers Vular Anderson and Adam P. Brown and Firefighters Ryan Battle and Justin Lewis were honored for their assistance with a baby delivery which took place in February 2014. The crew assisted with delivery of the baby, freed the nuchal cord from her neck, and assisted Rutherford County EMS with patient care of the mother.

The personnel received commendation letters and meritorious service challenge coins in March 2014 from MFRD Fire Chief Cumbey Gaines.

They also received the City's STARS (Succeeding Through Attitudes Reflecting Service Excellence) Award in August 2014. Mayor Shane McFarland presented each recipient with a certificate, a check for \$25.00, and vacation leave.



Pictured (L to R): Firefighter Ryan Battle, Driver Adam P. Brown, Driver Vular Anderson, and Firefighter Justin Lewis.

MFRD PLACES THREE NEW APPARATUS IN SERVICE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department placed three new apparatus in service in January.

Headquarters, located at 202 East Vine Street, will now have an aerial apparatus, also known as "Ladder 1." Station 8, located at 1703 East Northfield Boulevard, received a new aerial with a 75' ladder. The previous ladder length for Ladder 8 was 61'.

Station 3 located at 1511 Mercury Boulevard acquired a new pumper.

The three apparatus were delivered from the Toyne plant near the end of 2014. Placing them in service was postponed until all equipment could be installed and organized on the units and all personnel received training concerning operating the equipment.



The addition of the apparatus allowed MFRD to move the 61' aerial to Station 7, located at 2715 North Thompson Lane. "This reassignment leaves the City of Murfreesboro well covered when it comes to aerial fire service protection," said Assistant Chief of Operations Kaye Jernigan.

"We appreciate the support of our City Mayor and Council members, as well as City Administrative Staff, for adding these new apparatus to our fleet," said Fire Chief Cumbey Gaines. "This will enhance our capabilities in relation to fire suppression, rescue, and other operations that our personnel provide to the community."

BURGESS NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2015

Driver Brian Burgess has been named Firefighter of the Month for February 2015. He was nominated for the honor by Captain Jamie Bigelow. Bigelow stated in his nomination letter, "Driver Burgess consistently performs over and above his normal daily duties as a Driver and the same as he fills in as Acting Captain." He went on to say, "[He] puts a great amount of time, effort, and pride into installing/checking child safety seats, instructing fire safety classes, as well as our fire station tours."

Bigelow says Burgess gives some of the best tours he has ever seen or been a part of!

Burgess has been with MFRD since February 2001.

Congratulations Brian!



MFRD TO PLACE WREATH AT FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel will place a wreath at the site of the Fallen Firefighter Memorial on Sunday, March 1. The gesture is in memory of fallen Firefighters Winfred Vaughn and AC Cartwright.

Vaughn and Cartwright were killed on March 1, 1939 on the way to a grass fire, when the fire truck they were riding on was struck by another vehicle.

The memorial is located on the northwest side of the Public Square.



MFRD ADDS TWO CHILD SAFETY SEAT TECHNICIANS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department added two Child Safety Seat Technicians in January.

Department Coordinator Carol Whitaker and Public Information Officer Ashley McDonald attended the three day class at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy in Deason, Tennessee.

The final requirement of the class was to conduct a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station which took place at Fire Station 9 located at 802 Cason Lane.

MFRD's Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas was one of the class instructors. He also serves as the department's coordinator for the program.

The addition of Whitaker and McDonald gives MFRD a total of 56 certified Child Safety Seat Technicians.

MFRD hosts and participates in several inspection stations throughout the year. If you are unable to attend an event, contact MFRD Administration Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at 615-893-1422 or Headquarters Saturday-Sunday at 615-849-2661 to find out where you can have your child's car seat inspected or installed.

Upcoming Free Car Seat Check

JOIN US FOR UNITED WAY'S COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE SAINT THOMAS RUTHERFORD MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

Friday, February 6, 2015
4 PM - 7 PM
Patterson Park Community Center

For more information, call 615-898-7885.

- 20 + Vendors
- Educational Workshops
- Door Prizes
- To benefit expecting mothers and / or families with babies (newborn - 6 months of age)

The first 200 attendees will receive baby bags that include: diapers, onesies, blankets, bottles, and baby wipes.

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Whitaker and McDonald are pictured front row, center. Peas is pictured back row, far right.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL: MANUFACTURED HOUSING FIRES AMONG DEADLIEST IN TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE – Manufactured houses are the scenes of relatively few fires every year in Tennessee, but those fires are among the deadliest, causing a disproportionate number of fire-related deaths.

Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office officials are urging residents of manufactured homes – also known as mobile homes or trailers – to practice fire safety all year round. Currently, Tennessee has more than 250,000 manufactured homes.



According to the Tennessee Fire Incident Reporting System (TFIRS), fire departments responded to 1,969 fires in manufactured homes during 2009-2013. Those fires killed 64, injured 71 civilians and caused \$32.9 million in direct property damage. While manufactured housing accounted for only 5.25 percent of all total structure fires during that period, fires in manufactured housing caused 14.58 percent of all structure fire deaths.

"Fires move quicker in smaller spaces, leaving occupants with less time to escape. This is why it is crucial to have working smoke alarms installed in all homes," said Tennessee Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. "Be prepared and have a plan of escape. And make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home."

If you're buying or renting a manufactured home, make sure you keep fire safety in mind. By following a few tips and knowing the facts and safety requirements for manufactured homes, you can help keep your family safe.

- Keep gasoline, charcoal lighter and other flammable liquids locked in an outdoor shed. Never store items under your manufactured home. Store firewood away from the home.
- Install skirting material to keep leaves and other debris and combustible items from blowing under your manufactured home where it could easily catch fire and spread into the home.
- Be sure your manufactured home has enough smoke alarms. If your home does not have smoke alarms in or near every sleeping room and in or near the family/living area(s), immediately install new alarms and fresh batteries to protect these rooms.
- If your smoke alarms are older than 10 years, replace them, as their lifespan has been exceeded.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place. Make sure all ways out of the home are cleared of clutter and easy to use. Practice your fire escape plan with every member of the household at least twice a year.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If smoke alarms sound often when cooking, consider moving the alarm further from the kitchen area or install a photoelectric type alarm which is less sensitive to cooking.
- Consider having a licensed electrician inspect the electrical system in your manufactured home to be sure it is safe and meets applicable National Electrical Code requirements.
- Never add too many plugs to outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If the circuit breaker trips or fuses blow, call a licensed electrician to check your system.
- Have smokers smoke outside the home. Provide large, non-tip ashtrays and empty them frequently. Douse cigarette butts with water before throwing them away.



February Anniversaries

30 YEARS

Mark McCluskey

14 YEARS

Chris Ayers

Renard Brown

Brian Burgess

Alveraz Constant

Clay Estes

Melvin Holmes

13 YEARS

Jeff Wright

9 YEARS

Travis Bryant

Daphanie Crenshaw

Collins Harrelson



Live in the city limits of Murfreesboro and unsure if your home is equipped with the correct number of working smoke alarms?

Contact MFRD's Fire Administration Office
M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm
at 615-893-1422 to inquire about **Project SAFE** (Smoke Alarms for Everyone).

Smoke alarms & installation are free. MFRD even has specialty alarms for the visually or hearing impaired!